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SUBJECT: UNFDAC PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL COORDINATING
COMMITTEE ON AFGHAN NARCOTICS MATTERS

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1. THE EMBASSY APPRECIATES UNFDAC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DEBUES' SENSITIVITY ABOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF MR. MICHAEL C. DEMETRE IN THE OPENING SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON AFGHAN NARCOTIC MATTERS (ICC), AS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL B. THIS PROBABLY REFLECTS AT LEAST IN PART HIS REACTION TO THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT'S RECENT REFUSAL TO ACCEPT, FOR TRANSMITTAL TO PRESIDENT DAUD, HIS STERNLY WORDED LETTER ON LAST SEASON'S INCREASED POPPY CROP IN AFGHANISTAN.

2. IN VIEW OF THE MISSION'S PROPOSAL THAT DEMETRE RECEIVE THE DIPLOMATIC TITLE OF ATTACHE (REFTEL A), IT IS NOT EXACTLY CLEAR WHAT HIS UNFDAC STATUS WOULD THEN BE. IF HE WERE TO COME TO KABUL, WOULD HE BE A USG OFFICIAL, DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO THE AMBASSADOR -- OR A UN REPRESENTATIVE, RESPONSIBLE TO UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE BORTHWICK? WOULD THE MISSION PLEASE CLARIFY THIS MATTER?

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3. IN THAT BORTHWICK PLANS TO HEAD THE UN DELEGATION TO THE CONFERENCE, THE EMBASSY SEES NO PROBLEM WITH THE APPROACH SUGGESTED IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF REFTEL B -- AND, JUDGING FROM RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH BORTHWICK, HE WOULD PROBABLY FIND IT ACCEPTABLE.

4. THE EMBASSY REGARDS THE QUESTION OF DEMETRE'S RECENTLY RESTRICTED MANDATE IN AFGHANISTAN (PARAGRAPH 4, REFTEL B) AS A MUCH MORE SERIOUS PROBLEM, HOWEVER. WE ARE FRANKLY PUZZLED WHY THIS RESTRICTION HAS NOW BEEN IMPOSED. DURING DEMETRE'S VISIT HERE IN APRIL, NO SUCH GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATION WAS EVEN HINTED AT. WE THINK THE NANGARHAR AND KUNAR PROBLEMS ARE FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE HOARY BADA KHSHAN SITUATION, BECAUSE THE FORMER ARE MAJOR PRODUCTION REGIONS FOR THE OPIUM BEING EXPORTED FROM AFGHANISTAN -- WHEREAS THE LATTER PROVINCE CONSUMES MOST OF ITS OWN PRODUCTION. BORTHWICK HAS THUS FAR BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL AT GETTING THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN (GOA) TO BUDGE FROM THIS DECISION. MOHAMMAD YAHYA MAROOFI, ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND UN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT -- AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COMING ICC CONFERENCE, HAS BEEN ADAMANT ON THIS POINT -- WHICH SUGGESTS THAT IT REFLECTS A HIGH-LEVEL DECISION. THIS NEW AFGHAN POSITION MAY BE RELATED TO THEIR REPORTED INTENTION TO RESTRICT THE SCOPE OF THE CONFERENCE TO POPPY PROBLEMS IN US PROJECT AREAS OF THE HELMAND VALLEY. IN OUR VIEW, THIS WOULD SIDETRACK THE ICC FROM WHAT WE HAD HOPED WOULD BE THE BROADER GOAL OF ATTACKING AFGHANISTAN'S OPIUM PRODUCTION AND TRAFFICKING PROBLEMS ON A NATIONWIDE BASIS.

5. BECAUSE WE ARE NOW IN THE MIDST OF A LONG AFGHAN HOLIDAY PERIOD (JESHYN, IN CELEBRATION OF THE 1973 REVOLUTION), IT IS DIFFICULT TO GAIN ANY OFFICIAL GOA ATTENTION AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, THE EMBASSY WILL DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH BORTHWICK AND DETERMINE WHETHER HE WOULD REGARD ANY ASSISTANCE ON OUR PART AS APPROPRIATE OR
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POTENTIALLY USEFUL, IF, AS NOTED ABOVE IN PARAGRAPH 2, DEMETRE CAN BE REGARDED AS A US OFFICIAL, THE AMBASSADOR WOULD HAVE A REASON TO INTERCEDE IN HIS BEHALF. HOWEVER, THIS MIGHT PRODUCE THE EFFECT OF CLOUDING HIS UNFIDAC STATUS IN AFGHANISTAN. IF THE AFGHANS CANNOT BE MOVED ON THIS ISSUE BEFORE THE CONFERENCE OPENS, PERHAPS DEMETRE COULD LIMIT HIS INITIAL ACTIVITIES IN KABUL TO PROVIDING ADVICE TO BORTHWICK. WE STILL THINK HE SHOULD COME.
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